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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

IN RE: Edward C. Penrose, II,	:	Chapter 13
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Debtor.	:	Bky. No. 22-12312 (PMM)

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representation [to the point] that the inquiry into the adequacy of the fee assume[s] massive proportions, perhaps even dwarfing the case in chief,”<sup>1</sup>

**AND**, in reviewing the time records submitted by the Applicant and the services provided in this case, the court concluding that a reduction in the allowed compensation is appropriate,<sup>2</sup>

It is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. The Application is **GRANTED IN PART AND DENIED IN PART**.
2. Compensation is allowed in favor of the Applicant in the amount of **\$3,725.00**. Counsel was paid **\$1,910.00** of this amount prior to the bankruptcy filing. See also L.B.R. 2016-1(h) (governing procedure for disposition of fee applications without a hearing).
3. The Chapter 13 Trustee is authorized to distribute to the Applicant the allowed compensation (3,725.00) less the \$1,910.00 which was paid by the Debtor prepetition (for

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<sup>1</sup> Busy Beaver, 19 F.3d at 845 (quoting Lindy Bros. Builders, Inc. v. American Radiator & Std. Sanitary Corp., 540 F.2d 102, 116 (3d Cir. 1976 (en banc))).

<sup>2</sup> After reviewing the time records and case docket, I am left unpersuaded that such extensive services were required to represent the interests of the Debtor.

For example, the time sheets show six (6) consecutive entries for the same task of contacting the Debtor regarding documents. Further, on September 1, 2022, counsel spent one and a half (1.5) hours confirming receipt of the filing, which is a routine and uncomplicated task.

I have therefore disallowed \$1,000.00 of the requested amount. Such an approach permits the court to avoid becoming enmeshed in a fee application process that is overly cumbersome or disproportionate given the size of this case and the stakes involved. See Green Valley Beer, 281 B.R. at 259; In re In re Adventist Living, 137 B.R. 701 (Bankr. N.D. Ill. 1991). See generally Busy Beaver, 19 F.3d at 845 (“Because its time is precious, the reviewing court need only correct reasonably discernible abuses, not pin down to the nearest dollar the precise fee to which the professional is ideally entitled”).

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a **remaining amount due of \$1,815.00**), as an administrative expense pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §1326(b), 11 U.S.C. §507, 11 U.S.C. §503(b) and 11 U.S.C. §330(a)(4)(B).

4. Cause exists within the meaning of 11 U.S.C. §349(b)(3) and the Trustee is directed to distribute the funds in his possession derived from the pre-confirmation chapter 13 plan payments of the Debtor(s) to pay the allowed compensation.

**Date: June 30, 2023**



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**PATRICIA M. MAYER**  
**U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE**